Sunday February 13, 2022
The Believer's Authority (Part-2)

Review:

FIVE DIMENSIONS TO OUR SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY
1. Redemptive Authority : Our Authority Because of Christ's Triumph
2. Inherited Authority : Our Authority As Sons & Daughters of God
3. Positional Authority : Our Authority In Christ
4. Delegated Authority : Our Authority As Christ's Representatives
5. Empowered Authority : Our Authority Through The Anointing

REDEMPTIVE AUTHORITY : OUR AUTHORITY BECAUSE OF CHRIST'S TRIUMPH

Today:

INHERITED AUTHORITY : OUR AUTHORITY AS SONS & DAUGHTERS OF GOD

Romans 8:16-17
16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Galatians 4:6-7
6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"
7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

When we were redeemed, we were brought into a rich inheritance. We were made the children of God. As the children of God, we are "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ". Just as a prince who is heir to the throne and kingdom has princely authority, we believers possess divine authority as "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ". This heavenly authority is backed by the throne of heaven and the kingdom of God to which we belong. We inherited this authority simply because of God's gracious work in making us His own son's and daughter's. When we walk this earth, we walk not just as representatives of a different kingdom, but as "heirs" of the Kingdom of Light. We walk in kingdom authority, princely authority, the authority of an heir. Satan knows who we are!

POSITIONAL AUTHORITY : OUR AUTHORITY IN CHRIST

Ephesians 2:4-6
4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

The third basis for our spiritual authority is the fact that we have been raised and put in a position of authority. God has raised us up and made us sit together with Christ at His right hand, "far above all principality and power and might and dominion" (Ephesians 1:20,21). In creation, apart from Adam's authority on earth, there is no indication in Scripture that Adam had a seating at the right hand of God. However, following Christ's redemptive work, we believers have been raised to a position higher than what the first man Adam had. We have been raised to sit at the right hand of the Father, in the Highest throne of this universe. We are seated with Christ and this has put us in a place of total authority over the devil and his demons. Although in the body we are in the earth and appear weak, in the spirit, we are seated with Christ in a place of great authority.

Romans 16:19-20
19 For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil.
20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Experientially, like the believers at Rome, we will face circumstances and situations that may be contrary to us, sometimes disturbing. But as we walk in continued obedience to God, with wisdom, and purity (innocence), we can experience the God of peace crushing satan underneath our feet in real life situations!

WHAT DO WE HAVE AUTHORITY OVER?

We will in a very concise way mention some of the things we exercise authority over.

Let's consider these two Scriptures:

Luke10:19

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Mark 16:17-18
17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;
18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

We can identify these two realms of authority based on the Scriptures:

#1, Authority over satan, demons, demonic works, and influences
A, Sicknesses, and disease
B, Situations: demons can cause hindrances, confusions, disturbances, etc.
C, Demonic influences over people: Oppression, Deception, Spiritual blindness

#2, Authority over circumstances, situations, and over natural elements
Jesus mentioned not being harmed by serpents or if we drink any deadly thing. Now, this does not mean we intentionally go about handling snakes or drink poison. The point is that, in such situations that inadvertently arise, then we have authority over the natural course of events in the name of Jesus.

EXERCISE YOUR AUTHORITY BOLDLY
So, in everyday life situations, exercise your authority boldly.

Speak words of command in the name of Jesus Christ. Speak to demonic spirits. Command them to cease in their works. Command them to leave.

Speak over the situations just as Jesus spoke over winds and waves. Speak to demonic powers that may be working through the circumstances and situations. Command them to stop in what they are doing and to leave, in the name of Jesus.

We will discuss in detail next week, how to exercise our spiritual authority.

WE DO NOT DICTATE PEOPLE'S WILL, BUT WE CAN DEAL WITH THINGS THAT INFLUENCE THEM

One important fact to keep in mind is that we do not have authority over people's will. They have a free will, and we no dictate their choices and decisions. However, we can

deal with the demonic powers that influence them, and thus facilitate their coming to encounter truth.

SALVATION CALL

If you ask, does God love me? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 3:16, Romans 5:8
If you ask, how can I have my sins forgiven? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:2,12
If you ask, what is the way to God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 14:6
If you ask, how can I become a child of God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 1:12
If you ask, where can I find salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 4:12
If you ask, what must I do to experience salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 16:30-31
As an act of your own free choice, we invite you to make this decision to follow Jesus.

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation
To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our sermons page . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome
The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word
Read the following Scripture reference: *Romans 8:16-17; Galatians 4:6-7; Ephesians 2:4-6; Romans 16:19-20; Luke10:19; Mark 16:17-18*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together
Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, Discuss "Inherited Authority" – the authority we have because of being sons and daughters of God.

2, Discuss "Positional Authority" – the authority we have because of being seated at the right hand of God, in Christ.

3, In our world, what are ways by which authority is exercised? Can we draw some parallels to exercising spiritual authority over the works of satan and his demons and over natural circumstances?

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey
Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another
Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:
1, families to be protected and strengthened
2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.
3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.

USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.
YOUTUBE: https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore
WEBSITE: https://apcwo.org/live

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SERMON BRIEF

As believers in Jesus Christ, we have spiritual authority over satan and his demonic hosts. We have authority vested in us to reign in life, over situations and circumstances and over all that Adam brought us under. In this sermon series we learn about our spiritual authority, what we have authority over and how to exercise spiritual authority.

KEYWORDS

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